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1. ON MAY 2 EMBOFF CONSULTED DR. RAFAEL SAJON, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTE, WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.

2. FIRST, WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE OAS PERMANENT
COUNCIL ELIMINATED NATIONAL REPORTS, THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES
ARE PREPARING REPORTS OUTLINING HOW THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED
AND DEFINED THEIR NATIONAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE
PROTECTION OF MINORS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE MOST DISADVANTAGED GROUPS. REPORTS ALSO DISCUSS COUNTRIES' FUTURE
PLANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THEIR MOST DISADVANTAGED
CHILDREN, DR. SAJON SAID HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN A LONG REPORT
FROM THE U.S. BUT RATHER IN ONE WHICH REVEALS WHAT U.S.
EXPERTS ARE THINKING AND DOING AND HOW THE USG PLANS TO FACE
THESE PROBLEMS IN THE COMING YEARS. AREAS OF GREATEST
INTEREST ARE 1) NUTIRTION, 2) OVERALL PROTECTION OF THE PRESCHOOL CHILD, 3) SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND 4) ALL JURIDICAL AND
SOCIAL ASPECTS OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND OTHER ANTI-SOCIAL
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BEHAVIOR, INCLUDING JUVENILE COURTS, CHILDREN'S BUREAUS, AND HEW.

3. SECOND, THE U.S. PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE IN THE MINORITY IF IT DID NOT PROVIDE TECHNICAL PAPERS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS. DR. SAJON SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE VIEWS IT AS IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. PROVIDE TECHNICAL REPORTS

AND THAT U.S. DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. HE SAID THAT THE INSTITUTE HAS SENT COMMUNICATIONS TO MOST OF THE EMINENT U.S. EXPERTS IN EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND STATISTICS REQUESTING DOCUMENTS ON AGENDA TOPIS.

- 4. THIRD, IT WOULD BE VERY CONVENIENT TO HAVE U.S. PAPERS IN SPANISH BUT IT IS NOT IMPERATIVE.
- 5. FOURTH, THERE WILL BE TEAMS OF PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETERS TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS.
- 6. FIFTH, ON ARRIVAL DELEGATES WILL BE GIVEN A FOLDER CONTAINING AGENDA, REGULATIONS, AND COPIES OF WORKING PAPERS. FIRST TWO ITEMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED ALREADY BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS.
- 7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON
 AS POSSIBLE THE NUMBER AND NAMES OF U.S. DELEGATES FOR
 TRANSMITTAL TO DR. SAJON. HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE
 THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE USG AND HOPED THE USG WOULD SEND A
 DELEGATION COMPOSED OF EXPERTS. HE WAS ALSO MOST ANXIOUS THAT
 PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER BE INFORMED OF THE CONGRESS IN
 VIEW OF MRS. CARTER'S INTEREST IN CHILD WELFARE. EMBOFF
 SAID WOULD INCLUDE THIS REQUEST IN RELAYING COMMENTS, BUT
 SUGGESTED THIS COULD BEST BE DONE VIA REGULAR OAS CHANNELS.
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